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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the notification of allowable subject matter, i.e., that claims 2-8 and 13-17 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 3-11, and 14-18 are pending in the application. Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter, and dependent claim 14 has been amended to provide proper claim dependency. The amendments are fully supported by the application as originally filed.

As amended, independent claim 1 incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 2, which has been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 3-10 should be allowable.

As amended, independent claim 11 incorporates the subject matter of claim 12 and the allowable subject matter of claim 13, where claims 12 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, independent claim 11 and dependent claims 14-18 should be allowable.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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